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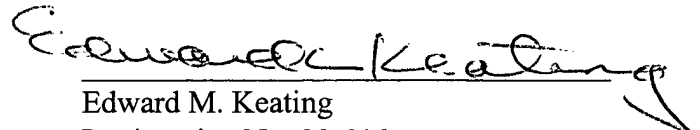


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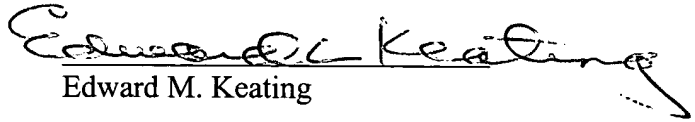
RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Office Action of March 25, 2003, applicants elect the claims of group I, claims 1- 5, for examination at this time while reserving the right to file divisional applications directed to the unelected claims.

Applicants also request a reconsideration of the Examiner's requirement for restriction. Applicants believe that the subject matter of the claims of groups I, II, and III are sufficiently related that the Examiner can search all three groups of claims directed to the methods called for in the claims in a single search, since as the Examiner has indicated in her requirement for restriction that all of the methods called for in the claims are classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the requirement for restriction in this application is requested.

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